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SUBJECT: VISIT OF RULER KUWAIT TO MAURITANIA

1. KUWAIT RULER AMIR SABAH PAID OFFICIAL VISIT TO MAURITANIA SEPTEMBER 18-21, ARRIVING BY SPECIAL AIR MAROC FLIGHT FROM RABAT. MAURITANIAN AUTHORITIES ORGANIZED SIZEABLE TURN OUT OF CAPITAL'S POPULATION TO LINE AIRPORT ROAD AS WELL AS BRINGING IN SEVERAL HUNDRED CAMEL RIDERS. OTHERWISE VISIT WAS LOW-KEY WITH MINIMAL CONTACT BETWEEN VISITORS AND GENERAL PUBLIC AND ONLY ONE LISTED WORKING SESSION.

2. AT PRESIDENT'S DINNER IN RULER'S HONOR, NO SPEECHES WERE EXCHANGED. ENTERTAINMENT FEATURED MUMBLED RENDITIONS BY SEVENTEEN LOCAL POETS OF THEIR EFFORTS IN PRAISE OF SABAH FAMILY AND ARABISM. PARTY SPENT FINAL DAY OF VISIT IN PORT CITY OF NOUADHIBOU.

3. JOINT COMMUNIQUE APPEARED UNDER BANNER HEADLINE AFFIRMING "TOTAL IDENTITY OF VIEWS." THEY AGREED TO INCREASE CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC LINKS BETWEEN KUWAIT AND MAURITANIA AND ON NEED TO LIBERATE ISRAEL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES THROUGH JOINING EFFORTS BY ISLAMIC AND ARAB COUNTRIES WITH THOSE OF OTHER

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"PEACE AND JUSTICE LOVING NATIONS." COMMUNIQUE ALSO COVERED

SUPPORT FOR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND NEED KEEP THE
GULF FREE OF INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS AND FOREIGN INTERFERENCE
PERMITTING GULF PEOPLES TO CONSOLIDATE THEIR OWN RELATIONSHIPS.
PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH ACCEPTED INVITATION TO VISIT KUWAIT
AT SOME LATER DATE.

4. PRIOR TO AMIR'S VISIT, NOUAKCHOTT RADIO ANNOUNCED THAT
A KUWAITI ECONOMIC DELEGATION WOULD VISIT MAURITANIA WITHIN
COMING WEEKS TO STUDY PROJECTS FOR POSSIBLE KUWAITI INVESTMENT/
ASSISTANCE. FURTHER EVIDENCE OF KUWAITI REDINESS TO ASSIST
THIS COUNTRY WAS STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR OF MAURITANIA'S
CENTRAL BANK IN INAUGURAL SPEECH, SEPT 16, THAT KUWAIT HAD
PLEDGED 500 MILLION OUGUIYA DEPOST (US DOLLARS 11.63 MILLION)
TO HELP BACK NEW MAURITANIAN CURRENCY. MURPHY

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